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SUBJECT: GOP TAKEOVER OF U.S. CONCERN, A.H. LUNDBERG LDA.

REF: LISBON 5097

1. PER LISBON REQUEST, USDOC IN CONTACT L.A. LUNDBERG OF A.H. LUNDBERG INC., P.O. BOX 186 MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON 98040, TELEPHONE 206-232-8100. MR. LUNDBERG INDICATED HE AWARE ONE HALF HIS PORTUGUESE CONCERN, A.H. LUNDBERG LDA. (AHL LDA.), OF WHICH HE 50-50 PARTNER, HAD BEEN TAKEN OVER BY WORKERS' COMMITTEE LAST APRIL. HE WAS NOT AWARE GOP HAD RECENTLY SANCTIONED ENTIRE TAKEOVER AND DOES NOT ACCEPT ANY SUCH ACTION; HE WANTS TO RETAIN HIS SHARE AND WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO DO BUSINESS IN PORTUGAL.

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2. IN REALITY, SINCE APRIL 1975, AHL LDA. HAS BEEN

COMPLETELY IN THE WORKER'S HANDS. ACCORDING TO LUNDBERG'S REMARKS, HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN A STATEMENT OF HIS ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE; UNABLE TO HAVE A VOICE IN LOCAL MANAGEMENT OR PLACING OF ORDERS THROUGH AHL LDA., WHICH COULD BE SUBSTANTIAL; IS REGULARLY REFUSED INFORMATION AS TO WHO IS HANDLING AHL LDA. AFFAIRS AND WRITING HIM FOR

INFORMATION AT MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON. WITH EXCEPTION OF ONE SECRETARY, ALL PERSONS HIRED BY LUNDBERG - LOCAL

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PORTUGUESE ENGINEERS - HAVE LEFT THE COUNTRY. BACK IN APRIL THE LDA. MANAGER WAS FIRST LOCKED OUT AND THEN FIRED. NO ONE AT AHL LDA. IS OFFICIALLY AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CHECKS OR HANDLE ACCOUNTS, ACCORDING TO LUNDBERG.

3. LUNDBERG HAS SET UP AN OFFICE IN BRUSSELS AND WITH ITS ASSISTANCE AND HIS OWN PORTUGUESE CONTACTS IT APPARENTLY DOING A SMALL AMOUNT OF BUSINESS WITH LOCAL CUSTOMERS. THE PULP AND PAPER MILL EXPANSION CONSULTING WORK WHICH LUNDBERG SPECIALIZES IN APPARENTLY STILL HAS A GOOD MARKET IN PORTUGAL.

4. LUNDBERG INDICATED HE WAS PLANNING A MULTI-LATERAL PROTEST TO ALL APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES OF THE GOP, UP TO HIGHEST LEVEL. USDOC ADVISED HIM TO CONTACT COMATT'S OFFICE AND AT LEAST KEEP IT POSTED AS TO WHAT HE INTENDS TO DO. KISSINGER

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